



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

On re the Application of: **Hirotoishi KUBO et al.**

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Examiner: **David L. Hogans**

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For: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND A METHOD OF FABRICATING THE SAME**

Attorney Docket No.: **981206A**

Customer No.: **38834**

**AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop Amendments**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

May 27, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2004, please amend the  
above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Arguments/Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.